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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION

Progress report on the in-depth reviews of second national communications

Note by the secretariat

1. The present note describes the status of in-depth reviews of second national communications (NC2) from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties). The reviews are being conducted in accordance with decision 9/CP.2,[1] with the aim of completing them before the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties.

2. All Annex I Parties (with the exception of Luxembourg) have submitted their second national communications, which were due by 15 April 1997 for Annex II Parties and not later than 15 April 1998 for Parties with economies in transition. At the time of the preparation of this note, 34 country visits had taken place in connection with the in-depth reviews of national communications and 16 reports have been published. These reports are also accessible on-line via the World Wide Web. They bear the symbol FCCC/IDR.2/country code. The review visit dates and status of the preparation of reports are presented in the table below. First national communications (NC1) from Lithuania and the Ukraine, which were submitted on 21 March 1998 and 16 February 1998 respectively, were also subject to in-depth review.

[1] For the full texts of decisions adopted by the second session of the Conference of the Parties, see FCCC/CP/1996/15/Add.1.

3. In accordance with decision 4/CP.3,[2] Croatia, Liechtenstein, Monaco and Slovenia have been added to Annex I to the Convention. The amendment adding these Parties to Annex I entered into force on 13 August 1998. Consequently, first national communications from these Parties, according to Article 12.5 of the Convention, were due within six months of this date, namely by 13 February 1999. Communications from these Parties are still pending, with the exception of Monaco which has already submitted its second national communication. The secretariat will endeavour to undertake in-depth reviews of national communications from these Parties recently added to Annex I as soon as they become available.

4. Decision 6/CP.3 provides for the publication of full texts of the in-depth review reports as official UNFCCC documents and their translation into the six official languages of the United Nations. The secretariat was unable to arrange for the translation of the reports prepared so far due to an overload of the translation services at the United Nations Office at Geneva. For this reason, the in-depth review reports are published in English only. The secretariat has made available the full texts of the majority of the first and all of the second national communications received so far from Annex I Parties on its web site (http://www.unfccc.de).

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[2] For the full texts of decisions adopted by the third session of the Conference of the Parties, see FCCC/CP/1997/7/Add.1.

Second national communications: Status of review as at 14 October 1999

Annex I Party	Communication due date	Communication received date	Review visit dates	Notes
Australia	15.04.97	04.12.97	07-11.10.98	Report published
Austria	15.04.97	31.07.97	30.03-03.04.98	Report published
Belgium	15.04.97	21.08.97	01-05.02.99	Visit done
Bulgaria	15.04.98	30.06.98	03-07.05.99	Visit done
Canada	15.04.97	05.05.97	11-15.05.98	Report published
Croatia	13.02.99	-		
Czech Republic	15.04.98	06.08.97	01-05.02.99	Report published
Denmark	15.04.97	05.12.97	21-25.09.98	Report published
E.C.	15.04.97	15.03.99	28.06-02.07.99	Visit done
Estonia	15.04.98	31.03.98	01-05.02.99	Visit done
Finland	15.04.97	15.04.97	11-15.05.98	Report published
France	15.04.97	12.06.97	23-27.03.98	Visit done
Germany	15.04.97	16.04.97	16-20.02.98	Report published
Greece	15.04.97	12.12.97	17-21.05.99	Visit done
Hungary	15.04.98	01.12.97	04.-08.10.99	Visit done
Iceland	15.04.97	06.08.97	14-18.09.98	Report published
Ireland	15.04.97	08.07.97	05-08.05.98	Report published
Italy	15.04.97	27.05.99	13-17.09.99	Visit done
Japan	15.04.97	02.12.97	30.11-04.12.98	Visit done
Latvia	15.04.98	02.06.98	17-21.05.99	Visit done
Liechtenstein	13.02.99	-		
Lithuania (NC1)	15.04.98	18.05.98	22-26.03.99	Visit done

Annex I Party	Communication due date	Communication received date	Review visit dates	Notes
Luxembourg	15.04.97	-		
Monaco*	15.04.97	14.05.97	-	No review visit envisaged
Netherlands	15.04.97	14.04.97	28.09-02.10.98	Visit done
New Zealand	15.04.97	27.05.97	31.08-04.09.98	Report published
Norway	15.04.97	16.04.97	05-09.10.98	Report published
Poland	15.04.98	29.04.98	27.09-01.10.99	Visit done
Portugal	15.04.97	26.11.97	18-22.05.98	Report published
Romania	15.04.98	01.02.99	27.09-01.10.99	Visit done
Russian Federation	15.04.98	18.02.99	28.06-02.07.99	Visit done
Slovakia	15.04.98	06.08.97	14-17.04.98	Report published
Slovenia	13.02.99	-		
Spain	15.04.97	22.11.97	05-09.10.98	Visit done
Sweden	15.04.97	05.05.97	30.03-03.04.98	Report published
Switzerland	15.04.97	21.04.97	10-13.03.98	Report published
Ukraine (NC1)	13.02.98	16.02.98	27.09-01.10.99	Visit done
United Kingdom	15.04.97	13.02.97	07-11.12.98	Visit done
United States of America	15.04.97	11.08.97	20-24.04.98	Report published

* Italics denote Parties added to Annex I in accordance with decision 4/CP.3.

** Monaco notified the Depositary on 24 November 1992 of its intention to be bound by Article 4.2, subparagraphs (a) and (b).